
JUDICIAL PROFILE

John Foreman presently is assigned to the Criminal Department. Since his appointment to the Superior Court bench in 1985, Judge Foreman served seven years on the Juvenile Court, including three years as Presiding Juvenile Court Judge. He also has handled civil and family court calendars. Judge Foreman was born in Kansas and raised in Iowa. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy with distinction from Iowa State University in 1969, and went on to receive both an M.A. Degree in Political Science and a J.D. Degree in Law with distinction from the University of Iowa in 1972. After moving to Arizona in 1972, he clerked for the chief judge of the Arizona Court of Appeals. In 1973, he began working for the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office and became the head of the agency's appellate section. In 1975 he went into private practice where his work focused on personal injury, general commercial, and employment discrimination litigation with the Phoenix law firms of Langerman, Begam, Lewis, Leonard & Marks, and later, Harrison, Myers & Singer. In the late 1970's and early 1980's, Judge Foreman refocused his interests on criminal defense work, rejoining the Public Defender's Office for a few years, then working as a sole practitioner from 1981 until 1983. He then joined the firm of Cunningham, Tiffany and Hoffman in 1983 where he practiced until his appointment to the Superior Court Bench in 1985.



Judge Foreman has lectured to lawyers, judges and the public about juvenile law, trial work, criminal law, criminal procedure, criminal appellate procedure, evidence, settlement techniques and the justice system. He has also written on those topics for judicial and legal publications as well as the general public. He founded the Maricopa County Juvenile Drug Court. Judge Foreman received the Horace Steele Child Advocacy Award from the Children's Action Alliance in 1998. He also received the Hon. Henry S. Stevens Award from the Maricopa County Bar Association for outstanding service to the legal profession on May 4, 1998.